

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Delay in Power Projects
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether power projects are facing cost over run due to delays in land acquisition, shortage of fuel and other problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether generation capacity has increased and is likely to increase, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL AND NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam, some of the power projects are facing cost overrun due to various reasons such as delays in land acquisition, local agitations on land compensations, resettlement & rehabilitation issues, contractual problems, inter-state issues, geological surprises etc.

A total of 125 power projects are under construction in the country, out of which 84 are facing cost overrun. In order to ensure that the projects are timely commissioned, the Government is taking the following steps:-

â€¢ Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is monitoring the progress of power projects (above 25 MW) and other projects including thermal continuously through site visits, interaction with the developers & other stakeholders to sort out the critical issues.

â€¢ Power Project Monitoring Panel (PPMP), set up by the Ministry of Power, independently follows up and monitors the progress of the all projects under implementation. Chairperson, CEA holds review meetings with the PPMP and monitoring division of CEA.

â€¢ Ministry of Power also reviews the progress of ongoing Hydro electric projects regularly with the concerned officers of CEA, equipment manufacturers, State Utilities / Central Public Sector Units / Project developers, etc.

â€¢ Expeditious resolution of issues relating to Environmental and forest clearances for facilitating early completion of generation and transmission projects.

â€¢ Enable availability of coal for power projects.

â€¢ Issues are also raised in PRAGATI, for proactive governance and timely implementation, as and when required.

(c) : The generation capacity increases in accordance with the increase in demand of electricity. Based on demand projections of 18th Electric Power Survey, an increase in generation capacity for 88,537 MW in the 12th Plan has been envisaged. A total capacity of 69,360 MW has been achieved in 12th Plan till November 2015.
